

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A process for ~~treating fresh fish, comprising keeping living fish in an aqueous alkali solution and then washing it with water or neutralizing it~~
obtaining internal organs or adnexa from fresh fish, comprising the steps of:
keeping living fish alive in an aqueous alkali solution at a pH of 8.5 to 13.0;
washing said living fish with water or neutralizing said living fish;
and removing the internal organs or adnexa from said fish,
wherein said aqueous alkali solution comprises water and at least one alkali selected from the group consisting of calcium oxide, sodium hydroxide, potassium hydroxide, calcium hydroxide, magnesium carbonate, ammonium carbonate, sodium carbonate, potassium carbonate, calcium carbonate, sodium hydrogencarbonate and potassium hydrogencarbonate.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): The process according to claim 1, wherein said living fish is selected from the group consisting of at least one salmon, trout, herrings, codfishes, mullets, flying fishes and globefishes.

Claims 3-6 (Cancelled)

Claim 7 (Original): The process according to claim 5, wherein said aqueous alkali solution has a pH of 9.5 to 12.0.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): ~~A fresh fish product produced by keeping fish alive in an aqueous alkali solution and then washing it with water or neutralizing it~~ A product comprising fish organs or adnexa produced by a process comprising: treating fresh fish,

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~~comprising keeping living fish in an aqueous alkali solution and then washing it with water or neutralizing it~~

keeping living fish alive in an aqueous alkali solution at a pH of 8.5 to 13.0;
washing said living fish with water or neutralizing said living fish;
and removing the internal organs or adnexa from said fish,
wherein said aqueous alkali solution comprises water and at least one alkali selected from the group consisting of calcium oxide, sodium hydroxide, potassium hydroxide, calcium hydroxide, magnesium carbonate, ammonium carbonate, sodium carbonate, potassium carbonate, calcium carbonate, sodium hydrogencarbonate and potassium hydrogencarbonate.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): The product according to claim 8, wherein said living fish is selected from the group consisting of at least one salmons, trout, herrings, codfishes, mullets, flying fishes and globefishes.

Claims 10-13 (Cancelled)

Claim 14 (Original): The product according to claim ~~12~~ 8, wherein said aqueous alkali solution has a pH of 9.5 to 12.0.

Claim 15 (Currently Amended): The product according to claim 8, which is a fish gut, and which after removal from the live fish is optionally pickled in salt ~~being a gut pickled in salt.~~

Claim 16 (Currently Amended): ~~The product according to claim 8, being a salmon or trout Sujiko or Ikura~~ Salmon or trout Sujiko or Ikura produced by a process comprising:

keeping living fish alive in an aqueous alkali solution at a pH of 8.5 to 13.0;
washing said living fish with water or neutralizing said living fish;
and removing the Sujiko or Ikura from said salmon or trout,
wherein said aqueous alkali solution comprises water and at least one alkali selected
from the group consisting of calcium oxide, sodium hydroxide, potassium hydroxide, calcium
hydroxide, magnesium carbonate, ammonium carbonate, sodium carbonate, potassium
carbonate, calcium carbonate, sodium hydrogencarbonate and potassium hydrogencarbonate.